

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER FINDING AN</b>
<b>MURRAY CONSTRUCTION L.L.C., SIOUX )</b>	<b>EXCEPTION AND CLOSING</b>
<b>FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR A MASTER )</b>	<b>DOCKET</b>
<b>METERING VARIANCE REQUEST FOR )</b>	
<b>VARIOUS APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN SIOUX )</b>	<b>NG00-002</b>
<b>FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	

On March 24, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a letter of application from Bonnie Lowe, property manager for Murray Construction, applying for a master metering variance in accordance with ARSD 20:10:26:04, et seq. According to the application, individual water heaters are being replaced with larger units to serve an entire building. The variance was requested for the following properties:

4400 S. Louise Avenue, 8 units  
4404 S. Louise Avenue, 8 units  
4500 S. Louise Avenue, 8 units  
4504 S. Louise Avenue, 8 units  
4508 S. Louise Avenue, 8 units  
4501 Tennis Lane, 8 units  
4505 Tennis Lane, 8 units  
4509 Tennis Lane, 8 units  
4511 Tennis Lane, 8 units  
4515 Tennis Lane, 8 units

Commission Staff sought information of the applicant through several data requests. Applicant responded in a timely manner to the requests.

On May 30, 2000, the Commission considered the application of Murray Construction. Commission Staff recommended that the applicant be excepted from the requirement for individual meters under ARSD 20:10:26:04(6) due to the applicant's facilities having central water heating. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4, 49-34A-27, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:26.

Based upon the application, responses to data requests, and the recommendation of Staff, the Commission finds that the applicant qualifies for an exception to individual metering requirements pursuant to the terms of ARSD 20:10:26:04(6), the applicant's facilities having a central water heating system. A variance or a hearing on a variance is not required. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Murray Construction L.L.C., meets the exception as found in ARSD 20:10:26:04(6) and may use master metering for gas service at the above referenced facilities and that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of June, 2000.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner